(c) the amount paid to the above employees in the shape of salary/wages, bonus medical expenses etc. during the period of suspension in each case with justification of these payments without taking any work from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The requisite information for the period 1985-86 to March 1989 is given in the Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No 113)

International youth festival held at Pyongyang

1828. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the representatives of various youth organisations participated in the International Youth Festival held recently at Pyongyang;

(b) if so, the details of India's participation in the festival;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report under the caption 'Youth Congress(I), NSUI men at their best' which appeared in the Indian Express, New Delhi dated the 13th July, 1989 to the effect that some representatives misbehaved with Indian Women participants and women from other countries;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken against such individuals; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to avoid such recurrence in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Indias participation in the Festival organised through a National Preparatory Committee consisting of representatives of several political parties at the national level. A 346 strong delegation from India participated in the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students held in Pyongyang, Democratic People's Republic of Korea from 1 to 8th July, 1989. The delegation was composed of representatives from student bodies and youth organisations belonging to political parties such as AICC(I), CPI, CPI(M) Janata Dal, RSP, TDP, AIADMK, DMK, AGP, Forward Block, National Conference, Congress (S), Congress (J), etc. The delegation took part in discussions at various thematic centres, special events and programmes as well as cultural activities.

(c) to (e). The press report relates to the alleged acts of indiscipline and unruly behaviour of some of the Members of Team.

The Department of Youth Affairs and Sports was and is not involved in this matter in any manner whatsoever. The Department has also not received any report or complaint in the matter.

Meeting of Central and States transport officials

1829. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh had written to him to convene a meeting of the Central and State officials at Delhi in order to speed up the decisions on various issues including transport issue; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Union Government in this regard

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The issues raised have been examined and action taken is given in the statement annexed.

Technical Appraisal reports and detailed estimates

All the technical appraisal reports received in respect of road works from the State Public Works Department have been approved except two which are under examination. These two would be cleared shortly. Detailed estimates for these approved technical appraisal reports are now awaited from the State.

Out of the five technical proposals for bridges, received, two proposals have been returned with detailed observations and the others are being processed.

Three estimates for roads (namely, Nellore land acquisition, land acquisition for four-laning Anakkapalli-Vishakhapatnam on NH. No. 5 and approaches to ROB km 35/4 of Hyderabad-Bangalore Section of NH. 7) have already been processed for approval.

Another estimate of land acquisition for four laning NH. No. 5 Chilakaluripet-Vijayawada Section is under examination.

Hyderabad Bypass

This work does not find place in the 7th Five Year Plan. Also issue of sharing of cost between the Centre and the State Government is to be settled first for which reference has been made to the State Government. Details of works to be taken up in Andhra Pradesh during VIII Plan will be finalised after the Planning Commission has decided the size of the plan.

Conversion of Important Roads as National Highway in Andhra Pradesh

Road From Nizamabad-Jagadalpur has already been included in the National Highways network in February, 1989. It has now been possible to include any other road in the National Highway network at present.

Inadequare Grants for Maintenance of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

Efforts are being made from year to year to get to allocation for maintenance increased and within the constraints of overall resources allocations have been increased for the Government of Andhra Pradesh as under:

	Rs. in lakhs
1984-85	617·86
1985-86	526.62
1986-87	643.85
1987-88	871.90
1988-89	1003.80

Construction of Coastal Road from Itchapuram to Tada

Because of the meagre provision in the 7th Five Year Plan under Centrally Sponsored Schemes, it has not been possible to provide any financial assistance for the construction of the road.

Development of Inland Waterways in Andhra Pradesh

The comprehensive scheme prepared by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for an integrated development of the canal system between Kakinada Canal, Eluru Canal, Commamur Canal and the Buckingham Canal is under examination by IWAI.

Formation of Bridge Finance Corporation by oqering some private parties Corporation

and

Formation of Bridge Finance Corporation on the pattern of U.P. State Bridge Corporation

It is for the State Government to take decision on these issues.